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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6057**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 15

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 23, 2012

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 17, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Brain Injury Services Study and Committee.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Miller

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. T. Brown

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed Senate

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
X FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and the Office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services (FSSA) to study how to implement brain injury services and neurobehavioral rehabilitation programs. The bill requires the ISDH and the FSSA to report orally and in writing to the Health Finance Commission before October 1, 2012. It also establishes the Brain Injury Treatment Committee to assist the ISDH and FSSA with the required study.

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Health Finance Commission.)

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill establishes the 15-member Brain Injury Treatment Committee and specifies Committee members to include 4 state employees and 1 state contractor. The bill specifies that no reimbursement for per diem and travel expenditures is to be provided for Committee members. The Committee is required to meet four times.

The bill requires that the Indiana State Department of Health provide staff for the Committee. ISDH reported that this provision will require approximately 5% to 10% of the available time of one staff member to provide staffing for the Committee. The cost would be incurred within the budgeted level of resources available to the ISDH.

FSSA reported that the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) and the Division of Aging have been working on this issue for the last three years and that the requirements of the bill can be accomplished within

the current level of resources available to FSSA.

*Additional Information:* The Committee is charged with studying current brain injury services offered within the state, determining any deficiencies in the services provided, and determining how to implement additional brain injury-related services and neurobehavioral rehabilitation programs in Indiana. The bill requires that the study include:

- (1) The development of a licensure category for neurobehavioral rehabilitation facilities;
- (2) Assessment of whether incentives are needed to encourage the provision of these services in the state;
- (3) Determination of an adequate reimbursement level for the services under the Medicaid program;
- (4) Determination of whether funds from the Medicaid health facility closure and conversion fund could be used to provide for enhanced reimbursement for the services or to assist providers to open a neurobehavioral rehabilitation facility; and
- (5) Determination of whether existing Medicaid waivers should be amended to provide for additional waiver participants and/or neurobehavioral rehabilitation services.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** ISDH; FSSA, OMPP, and the Division of Aging.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** ISDH, FSSA.

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